

REMARKS

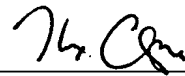
Claims 1 – 6 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 2 are the independent claims.

The written description is amended to conform to standard U.S. patent practice. Substantive examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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